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***Raised Bill No. 6637***

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE COMMISSION FOR ALIMONY,  
PROPERTY DIVISION AND PARENTING PLAN GUIDELINES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) (a) There is hereby  
2 established a Commission for Alimony, Property Division and  
3 Parenting Plan Guidelines for the purpose of creating and issuing  
4 guidelines for use by the courts to ensure the appropriateness of  
5 alimony awards, the division of property and parenting plans in  
6 proceedings for dissolution of marriage. The commission shall consist  
7 of eleven members as follows: The Chief Court Administrator, or the  
8 Chief Court Administrator's designee, the Commissioner of Children  
9 and Families, or the commissioner's designee, the Attorney General, or  
10 the Attorney General's designee, the chairpersons and ranking  
11 members of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
12 having cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary, or their  
13 designees, and a representative of the Connecticut Bar Association, a  
14 representative of legal services, a person who represents the financial  
15 concerns of divorced persons and a representative of the Permanent  
16 Commission on the Status of Women, all of whom shall be appointed

17 by the Governor. The chairperson of the commission shall be elected  
18 by the members of the commission.

19 (b) The commission shall issue guidelines as provided in subsection  
20 (a) of this section not later than October 1, 2007, and shall review and  
21 update such guidelines every four years thereafter. Such guidelines  
22 shall be submitted by the commission to the standing legislative  
23 regulation review committee and adopted as regulations in accordance  
24 with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes.

25 (c) In any proceeding for dissolution of marriage filed or pending on  
26 or after October 1, 2007, the court shall consider the guidelines issued  
27 pursuant to this section in making any order regarding the award of  
28 alimony, the division and assignment of property or the filing of a  
29 parenting plan, in addition to any other criteria required by law. The  
30 court may disregard such guidelines if the court makes a specific  
31 finding on the record that the application of the guidelines would be  
32 inequitable or inappropriate in a particular case.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	New section

***Statement of Purpose:***

To establish a Commission for Alimony, Property Division and Parenting Plan Guidelines for the purpose of creating and issuing guidelines for use by the courts to ensure the appropriateness of alimony awards, the division of property and parenting plans in proceedings for dissolution of marriage.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*